

WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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I-5 Smokey Point Bridge Near Arlington Opens Two Months Early

Some Arlington residents may be surprised at what they see as they drive to work today. At 4:51 a.m., WSDOT and its contractor Graham Construction opened all six lanes of the [new Smokey Point Bridge](#) (172nd Street) to traffic.

We expected to open all six lanes on the bridge to traffic by February of next year. Thanks to Mother Nature, which provided us with favorable weather conditions, crews were able to place final striping and opened all lanes of the bridge to traffic two months ahead of schedule.

Next Monday, U.S. Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Rick Larsen, WSDOT, Graham Construction and other state and local lawmakers will celebrate our latest effort to improve traffic and safety in one of the fastest growing communities in the state. The ribbon cutting ceremony takes place at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Dec.12, at the Hawthorn Inn and Suites, 16710 Smokey Point Blvd. in Arlington.

The bridge is part of a larger project to improve the entire interchange as a way to reduce congestion and improve safety in the area. The [2005 Legislative Funding Package](#) provided \$17 million to further improve the interchange by constructing a westbound to southbound loop ramp.

Weather Delays Final Touch on US 2, Plan for Night Work to Place Temporary Striping

We've finished paving [US 2 in Monroe](#), but crews need dry and warm nights to place roadway striping on the new pavement. This means crews must return next spring to finish placing permanent roadway striping.

In the meantime, the newly paved road is open to traffic, and If weather permits, crews will place temporary striping on the roadway next Monday and Tuesday nights. Drivers should note that the road will be reduced to one lane in each direction, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next morning, during the work.

How to Learn More about Highway Construction in Snohomish County

You can find updated information about highway projects by visiting our [weekly report](#) and our [Snohomish County projects list](#).

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